(b) There has been no change in the established procedure of selection of the Director.

(c) to (d) The Government is committed to autonomy of IIMs. The following measures have already been taken in this regard:—

(i) The power to decide on the fee structure has been restored to the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs).

(ii) The Ministry has introduced the Block Grant Scheme to these institutions to restore their financial autonomy.

(iii) The Board of Governors (BOGs) of IIMs at Ahmedabad, Bangalore & Kolkata which are not dependent on Government grants, are authorized to take appropriate decisions regarding the increase in faculty strength to meet the requirement on account of increased intake in various courses as also for introducing new courses subject to certain conditions.

(iv) The Chairman, BOGs of respective IIMs have also been authorized to grant permission to Director of the Institute for their foreign visit subject to certain conditions.

(e) (i) The Government is committed to maintain the IIMs as centres of excellence.

(ii) Hon'ble Prime Minister in his address to the Nation on the occasion of the 60th Independence Day has, *inter-alia,* announced for setting up of seven new Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs).

(iii) The Government has set up a Review Committee and its one of the terms of reference is to review expansion plans of the IIMs during the next decade, and particularly during the XIth Plan, with a view to optimal utilization of the existing capacities.

Working of IIMs

644. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct a study on the working of Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the terms of reference of the Committee which has been assigned the task of study on IIMs;

(d) whether Government also propose to bring a Bill to make IIMs answerable to Parliament;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The IIM Review Committee has been set up comprising of the following:

1. Shri R. C. Bhargava, Former MD, Maruti Udyog Limited — Chairman

2. Shri Ajit Balakrishnan, Chairman, BOG, IIM Calcutta and Chairman and CEO rediff. com — Member

3. Mrs. Anusua Basu, Dy. CAG (Retd.) — Member

4. Shri Ravi Mathur, Joint Secretary (Technical), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development. — Member Secretary

(c) The Terms of Reference for the Review Committee are as follows:—

(i) To review the present status of IIMs in fulfillment of their objective as centres of excellence in management education and research.

(ii) To review the existing courses being offered in IIMs in the light of their relevance and national priorities.

(iii) To review their organizational and adminstrative structure and to suggest suitable changes therein with a view to serve better the country's economic and social development needs.

(iv) To review expansion plans of the IIMs during the next decade, and particularly during the XIth Plan, with a view to optimal utilization of the existing capacities.

(v) To review the position of the corpus fund in each Institute and to suggest broad guidelines for better utilization of this fund.

(vi) To review the per student cost on various courses being offered by the institutes and to suggest guidelines for proportionate recovery of this cost from student fees, government grants, interest income from corpus fund etc.

(vii) To review and suggest measures for easy availability of educational loans to students.

(viii) To review availability of scholarships, fellowships, freeships and other forms of financial assistance to the students.

(ix) To review the incentive schemes prevailing in various IIMs for faculty and non-faculty staff and to suggest suitable modifications therein.

(x) To give recommendations on the issue of powers and functions of Chairman, Board of Governors of IIMs.

(xi) To report on any other aspects that are relevant to overall effective and efficient functioning of these institutes.

(d) to (f) The Government is examining the possibility of formulating a legislation for the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) on the lines of Institute of Technology Act, 1961.

Central support in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

645. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the West Bengal Government has suggested that the Central support in the proportion of 75:25 for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for the Eleventh Five Year plan may be continued; and